



COVID-19:

Te Rā & Te Rāwhiti Community Pānui: Levels 4 & 3 - Moving to Alert Level 3

Kia ora koutou e ngā whānau

We are certain that you are staying informed and know that our region will probably move to Level 3 on Tuesday midnight next week, taking effect on Wednesday 1 September. Our hearts are with our colleagues in kindergartens and schools in the Auckland and Northland region, and for all their communities, who yet again need to prepare for the long haul.

At this point, we here at Te Rāwhiti and Te Rā are all looking forward to being back to school when our region returns to Level 2. Hopefully, this is not too far away! In the meantime, here is some information about education under Level 3.

What does Level 3 mean for our kindergarten children and school students?

- The clear message from our prime minister and the Ministry of Education is that at Alert Level 3, kindergartens and schools will **effectively remain closed** for face-to-face learning.
- The exception is for the small number of children of parents/caregivers who need to **leave home to work and have no alternative care options** available other than an ECE centre or school.
- As per the government recommendations, keeping things closer to our own bubbles gives us the best options to **swiftly move into Level 2**.

Kindergarten and school will organise on-site supervision, if/when it is required. Unlike last year, this supervision will be organised **separately** to allow for the differences in guidelines for various age groups.

KINDERGARTEN

We are not able to offer the usual kindergarten programme on-site. Any children supervised at kindergarten will need to bring their own lunchboxes with ample food for themselves for the day. Please let Shelley, our acting kaiārahi, know as soon as possible **if our kindergarten is your only care option so we can plan ahead**. You can email her on shelleyw@tera.school.nz

Kindergarten whānau: keep a look out for a kindergarten pack coming your way next week!

SCHOOL

We are not able to offer the normal class programmes during Level 3. Students whose whānau need to work away from home and need children to be supervised at school will complete the same work that is provided in the home learning packs by their respective class teachers. Class teachers will continue to be in charge of distance learning. Other staff will be rostered for supervision and to ensure distancing requirements and hygiene guidelines that apply for primary schools are observed.

Children need to be registered for on-site supervision to allow us to plan this carefully, so **please let your child/children's class teacher(s)** know as soon as possible.

School whānau: home learning for school students continues in the same way, and new packs and materials will be ready next week, after the Monday mid-term break.

As always, we keep our eyes on all the usual sources for information and will pass on any relevant details as soon as feasible.

Ngā manaakitanga, nāmov

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